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43.	Uttaranchal	Varanasi (including Chandauli)
44.		Dehradun
45.	West Bengal	Kolkata
46.	Delhi	Durgapur
47.		Delhi
	Chandigarh	Chandigarh Haveli
48.	Daman & Dadra and Nagar	Daman and Dadra Nagar Haveli
49.		
50.	Pondicherry	Pondicherry

District level Vocational Training System

2463. SHRI S.P.M. SYED KHAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for delay in setting up of district-level vocational training system; and

(b) the details of efforts made by Government to create more employment opportunities in agro and related sectors during the Tenth Five Year Plan period?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI SIS RAM OLA): (a) Industrial Training Institutes/Centres are set up and run by State/U.T. Governments or private sector as per requirement in various parts of the country.

(b) During the Tenth Plan.attempts are being made to create five crore employment opportunities with special emphasis on labour intensive sectors. These include agriculture, irrigation, agro-forestry, small and medium enterprises, service sector etc. Government have also

announced the enactment of National Employment Guarantee Act to provide a legal guarantee for atleast 100 days of employment to begin with on asset-creating public works programmes every year at minimum wages for atleast one able bodied person in every poor household. The scheme will be implemented in all states of the country. In the interim, it is proposed to launch a new Food for Work programme in 150 districts classified as most backward and identified as areas in immediate need of such a programme.

Uniform wage pattern for beedi workers

2464. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a uniform wage pattern for beedi workers in the country;

(b) if so, what is the present scale of wages; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI SIS RAM OLA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The minimum wage for scheduled employments including beedi rolling are fixed by the State Governments based on a number of factors like socio-economic and agro-climatic conditions, prices of essential commodities, paying capacity, local conditions etc., which vary from State to State and region to region. Therefore, there is a disparity in the minimum wages in the country.

Enumeration of beedi workers

2465. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any steps in regard to enumeration of beedi workers in various States;

(b) if so, the details in respect of the State of Orissa; and

(c) the details of the methodology adopted for such enumeration?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI SIS RAM OLA): (a) to (c) Issuing of identity cards to the beedi workers is an ongoing